

**INCH-POUND**

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## **COMMERCIAL ITEM DESCRIPTION**

### **ENGLISH MUFFINS, FRESH OR FROZEN**

**The U.S. Department of Agriculture has authorized the use of this Commercial Item Description.**

#### **1. SCOPE.**

**1.1** This Commercial Item Description (CID) covers fresh or frozen English muffins, packed in commercially acceptable containers, suitable for use by Federal, State, local governments, and other interested parties.

#### **2. CLASSIFICATION.**

**2.1** The fresh or frozen English muffins shall conform to the types, styles, sizes, split types, enrichment types, and when applicable, child nutrition meal pattern contribution requirements in the following list which shall be specified, in the solicitation, contract, or purchase order.

**Types, styles, size, split type, enrichment types, and when applicable, child nutrition meal pattern contribution requirements.**

**Type I** - Fresh

**Type II** - Frozen

**Style A** - Plain

**Style B** - Wheat

**Style C** - Honey Wheat

**Style D** - Raisin

**Style E** - Other

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**Size 1** - 1 ounce  
**Size 2** - 2 ounces  
**Size 3** - 2- $\frac{1}{4}$  ounces  
**Size 4** - 3- $\frac{1}{2}$  ounces  
**Size 5** - Other

**Split type a** - Whole  
**Split type b** - Split

**Enrichment type (1)** - Enriched  
**Enrichment type (2)** - Unenriched

**When child nutrition meal pattern contribution information is required:**

**Grain/bread serving size (I)** -  $\frac{1}{4}$  serving = 6 g or 0.2 ounce 1/  
**Grain/bread serving size (II)** -  $\frac{1}{2}$  serving = 13 g or 0.5 ounce 1/  
**Grain/bread serving size (III)** -  $\frac{3}{4}$  serving = 19 g or 0.7 ounce 1/  
**Grain/bread serving size (IV)** - 1 serving = 25 g or 0.9 ounce 1/

1/ The English muffins must be made from enriched grains.

### 3. SALIENT CHARACTERISTICS.

**3.1 Processing:** The fresh or frozen English muffins shall be prepared in accordance with good manufacturing practice.

**3.2 Ingredients:** The fresh or frozen English muffins shall consist of flour, water, salt, yeast, emulsifiers or other stabilizers, preservatives, and other ingredients appropriate for the style of English muffins specified in the solicitation, contract, or purchase order.

**3.2.1 Enriched flour:** When the English muffins are enriched, the wheat flour used for the English muffins shall conform to the U.S. Standards of Identity for Enriched Flour (21 CFR 137.165).

### **3.3 Finished product:**

**3.3.1 Appearance and color:** The fresh or frozen English muffins shall have a uniformly brown crust characteristic of the product. The fresh or frozen English muffins shall have a typical volume, characteristic grain, and be evenly baked without evidence of scorching or burning. There shall be no foreign color to the product. The delivered fresh or frozen English muffins shall not be crushed or damaged.

**3.3.2 Odor and flavor:** The fresh or frozen English muffins shall have a flavor and aroma characteristic of the particular style of English muffins. The fresh or frozen English muffins shall be free from foreign odors or flavors such as, but not limited to, burnt, scorched, stale, rancid, or moldy.

**3.3.3 Texture:** The fresh or frozen English muffins shall have a firm but tender crust and a porous, slightly chewy texture.

**3.3.4 Enrichment:** The fresh or frozen English muffins shall have the enrichment ingredients evenly distributed in the finished product.

**3.3.5 Foreign material:** All ingredients shall be clean, sound, wholesome, and free from evidence of rodent or insect infestation.

**3.4 Age requirement:** Unless otherwise specified in the solicitation, contract, or purchase order, the fresh English muffins shall be delivered within 72 hours after baking. When frozen English muffins are specified, the fresh product shall be in a freezer within 12 hours after baking and frozen to a maximum temperature of 0°F (-17.8°C),  $\pm 5^{\circ}\text{C}$  (- 15° to -20.6°C) and shall be at a temperature not higher than 10°F (-12.2°C) within 12 hours after being placed in the freezer. Unless otherwise specified in the solicitation, contract, or purchase order, the frozen English muffins shall be manufactured not more than 120 days prior to delivery and shall not have exceeded 15°F (-9.4°C) at any time during storage and delivery.

#### **4. REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS.**

**4.1** The delivered fresh or frozen English muffins shall comply with all applicable Federal, State, and local mandatory requirements and regulations relating to the preparation, packaging, labeling, storage, distribution, and sale of the fresh or frozen English muffins within the commercial marketplace. Delivered fresh or frozen English muffins shall comply with all applicable provisions of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and regulations promulgated thereunder.

#### **5. QUALITY ASSURANCE PROVISIONS.**

**5.1 Product conformance.** The fresh or frozen English muffins provided shall meet the salient characteristics of this CID, conform to the producer's own specifications, standards, and quality assurance practices, and be the same fresh or frozen English muffins offered for sale in the commercial market. The Government reserves the right to require proof of such conformance.

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**5.2 Quality assurance.** When required in the solicitation, contract, or purchase order, the Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS), U.S. Department of Agriculture, shall determine the quality assurance of the fresh or frozen English muffins according to FGIS procedures. The fresh or frozen English muffins shall be examined, or analyzed as applicable in accordance with applicable provisions in this CID, solicitation, contract, or purchase order, and, when applicable, the United States Standards for Condition of Food Containers currently in effect on the date of the solicitation.

## 6. PACKAGING.

**6.1 Preservation, packaging, packing, labeling, and case marking.** Preservation, packaging, packing, labeling, and case marking shall be as specified in the solicitation, contract, or purchase order.

## 7. NOTES.

### 7.1 Purchasers shall specify:

- Type(s), style(s), size(s), split type(s), and enrichment type(s) of English muffins required.
- When child nutrition meal pattern requirements must be met.

### 7.2 Sources of documents.

#### 7.2.1 Sources of information for governmental documents are as follows:

Applicable provisions of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act are contained in 21 CFR Parts 1 to 199. This document may be purchased from: **Superintendent of Documents, New Orders, P.O. Box 371954, Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7954.** Credit card (MasterCard or Visa) purchases may be made by calling the Superintendent of Documents on (202) 512-1803 or on the Internet at: <http://www.nara.gov/fedreg>.

Copies of the United States Standards for Condition of Food Containers are available from: **Chairperson, Condition of Container Committee, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP 0243, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-0243.**

Civil agencies and other interested parties may obtain copies of this CID from: **General Services Administration, Federal Supply Service, Specifications Section, Suite 8100, 470 East L'Enfant Plaza, SW, Washington, DC 20407.**

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